Islands. The programmes grouped under Coastal Zone & Islands are as under:

1. *Marine Satellite Information Service (MARSIS)*

The project aims to apply the remote sensing techniques for studying the physical, chemical and biological characteristics of the ocean and the geomorphological features of the coastal areas of the country. The data products generated are useful for a variety of applications like planning of developmental activities in the coastal areas and exploitation of marine fishery resources, particularly the pelagic fisheries. The budgetary provisions for this programme for the year 1995-96 is Rs. 4 crores.

2. *Coastal Ocean Monitoring & Prediction System (COMAPS)*

Under this programme, the health of the marine environment is being assessed. Data on 25 pollution parameters are being collected at 77 locations along the coastline of the country. The programme has established the current status of marine pollution at these locations. Intensive monitoring of marine pollution in areas where the pollution problems are becoming high is also being carried out under this programme. The data output of the programme will help Pollution Control Boards to constantly assess the health of the marine environment and to take appropriate control and remedial measures. The budgetary provision for this programme for the year 1995-96 is Rs. 2 crores.

3. *See Level Monitoring & Modelling (SELMAM)*

This programme monitors changes in the mean sea level along the coastline of the country. Under this programme, fine scale mapping of low lying areas is also being taken up. The tide data collected will help in predicting the extent of inundation of sea water in the low lying areas in future. This will help in taking steps to prevent large scale establishment of industries and human settlement in the low lying coastal areas. The budgetary provision for this programme for the year 1995-96 is Rs. 1 crore.

4. *Coastal Research Vessels (CRV)*

In order to strengthen the programme on Marine Pollution Monitoring, two Coastal Research Vessels, one each for east and west coast, are being acquired. The Vessels are under construction. Besides strengthening the COMAPS programme, the Vessels will also help in collection of data which are required to understand the dynamic of pollutants and also location of the safe disposal points for release of treated wastes into the sea. The budgetary provision for this programme for the year 1995-96 is Rs. 6.2 crores.

5. *Island Development Programme*

The programme aims to develop technology relating to exploitation of marine biological resources in the islands and also to study the marine ecology of the islands. Under this programme, a project to demonstrate prawn culture in the acidic soils of Andaman and a project on rejuvenation of corals in the areas where corals have been destructed in the past, have been taken up. The programme on Prawn Culture will promote self-employment among the fishermen in the Islands. The programme on coral ecology will help in reviving the coral reefs in the Islands. The budgetary provision for this programme for the year 1995-96 is Rs. 20 lakhs.

Surveys for assessment of Living and Non-Living Resources

7354. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the surveys made for assessment of living and non-living resources being carried out by the Department alongwith their location;

(b) what are the findings of the surveys and

(c) in what manner these surveys will benefit the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The surveys in respect of living resources are being carried out by the Department's Fisheries Oceanographic Research Vessel Sagar Sampada through the participation of various fishery and oceanographic institutions, universities, etc. Such survey could identify 12 major varieties of fishes abundant in the deeper waters, which includes varieties offering scope for increased production such as Threadfin bream, Ribbonfish, Lizardfish, Barracuda, Catfish, Indian Madkerel and Deepsea lobster, and under exploit deep water and oceanic resources such as Bull's eye, Driftfish, Scad, Deepsea prawns, Cuttlefish.

Non-living Resource:

The Surveys for non-living resources are carried out by the Department's Oceanographic Research Vessel Sagar Kanya through National Institute of Oceanography, Goa, specifically in respect of polymetallic nodules in the mine site area allocated to India in the Central Indian Ocean Basdin. In addition to this, the scientists of National Institute of Oceanography are also looking for the hydrothermal deposits in the EEZ of India.

(c) In respect of living resources, the findings offer scope for increased production of marine fish in the country.

In respect of non-living resources, studies are being carried out to work on the technology for exploiting these resources in an eco-friendly manner. In the long run, India will have the benefit of availability of these resources for industrial development.

Complaints Against Ministers

7355. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI:
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the mechanism of dealing with the complaints made by Members of Parliament against Ministers to the Prime Minister;

(b) whether it is a fact that these are forwarded in original to the concerned Minister to decide their veracity or to decide if there was any substance therein;

(c) if so, whether all such complaints made against the former HRD Minister by MPs during the period from July, 1991 to December, 1994 has been dealt with in this way; and

(d) if so, the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Action as may be appropriate is taken on complaints made by MPs against Central Ministers.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) A number of MPs have written to the Prime Minister, enclosing copies of the representation given by the All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Teachers' Association and had requested for a high level probe to look into the allegations regarding the affairs of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. These complaints had been referred to the Department of Education from time to time.

Changes in Procedures of Administration in view of Economic Reforms

7356. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an